

shillings and two-pence, provided he, she or they, first prove his, her or themselves to be such, to the satisfaction of the auditor.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Lambert Hyland, of Somerset county, report, that they have examined the same, and find the facts stated to be true, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable, and that leave ought to be given to bring in a bill authorising and directing the levy court of Somerset county to assess and levy such sum of money as they shall find due the said Lambert Hyland for the tobacco lost out of Baron creek warehouse.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 7, 1802.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Thompson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Petitions from Robert Stratten and William Weary, of the city of Baltimore, Seth Hyatt and Aquila Hyatt, of Prince-George's county, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Rose, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Harwood, Joseph Martin, Thomas and Mary Dudley, Tristram Needles, Henry Johnson and William Dawson, securities of Richard Johns, late sheriff of Talbot county, deceased, report, that they have examined the merits of the petition, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the aforesaid John Harwood, Joseph Martin, Thomas and Mary Dudley, Tristram Needles, Henry Johnson and William Dawson, be and they are hereby released from the payment of the nine per cent. they having paid and satisfied the treasurer of the eastern shore the whole of the monies due from them, with six per cent. thereon.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James B. Sulivane, of Dorchester county, report, that by an act passed at November session, 1798, entitled, An act appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the lands commonly called The Choptank Indian Lands, in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, the commissioners in the said act named, or a majority of them, were, among other things, authorised and directed, with the surveyor of Dorchester county, on a day to be by them appointed, and of which public notice was to be given, to go upon the said lands, and to proceed to make an accurate survey thereof, and after laying off, marking and bounding, the quantity of land which should be agreed to be reserved for the Indians inhabiting the said lands, to lay off the remainder into convenient lots, each to be numbered, marked and bounded, in such manner as the commissioners should direct, as by the said act will more fully appear; that in pursuance of the said law, the commissioners aforesaid made a survey of the large body of lands which was inhabited and possessed by the said Indians, including their settlement, and divided the same into lots, which survey was completed and a plot made out, as appears by the date thereof, on the 27th of June, 1799; that on or about the 20th of August following, the state agent proceeded to make a public sale of the said lots, at which time, upon the information of the surveyor that the state was entitled to two other parcels of land, being part of the original Indian grant, and lying several miles from the settlement and body of land occupied by the Indians, certificates and plots were made out by the said surveyor from his notes made on a former occasion, but without any actual survey thereof having been made by the said commissioners, which parcels of land were denominated Lots No. 14 and 15, the former said to contain 91 acres, the latter 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, and were purchased by the said James B. Sulivane, who now alleges that the said lots are deficient in quantity, which your committee believe to be true.

Under the above circumstances your committee are of opinion that the present surveyor of the county, (the surveyor who acted under the commissioners being dead,) should be authorised to make an actual survey of the said lots at the expence of the state, in order to ascertain the true quantity contained therein, and that the said James B. Sulivane should be indulged with a stay of payment until the same be done.

By order,

D. C. HOPPER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.